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Restructuring of the United Nations Secretariat

Note by the Chairman

Addendum

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 6 October 1994, the Fifth Committee decided to invite the Second, Third and Fourth Committees to review the report of the Secretary-General on the restructuring of the Secretariat (A/49/336), which had been submitted under agenda item 105 entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations".

2. Responses from the Second and Fourth Committees were included in document A/C.5/49/28. A response was recently received from the Chairman of the Third Committee, the substantive portion of which, along with the relevant attachments, is reproduced below in the annex to the present document.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 9 November 1994 from the Chairman of the Third Committee to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

In response to your letters dated 27 September and 11 October 1994 seeking the views of the Third Committee on agenda items 105, Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, and 108, Programme planning, the Third Committee considered those issues at its 12th and 18th meetings, on 21 October and 2 November 1994 respectively. In addition, I requested the members of the Committee to transmit written comments on those two items to me if they so desired. These are attached to the present letter.

(Signed) Kéba Birane CISSÉ

APPENDIX I

Comments by the delegation of Cuba on the restructuring of the United Nations Secretariat

1. The contents should be rearranged so that the section on human rights, which is now under chapter III, section A, "Political, peace-keeping and humanitarian functions", is placed under section B, "Economic and social sectors".

2. With respect to paragraph 60, by what mandate or decision of a competent intergovernmental organ was it decided to transfer the Electoral Assistance Division to the Department of Peace-keeping Operations?

3. Delete paragraphs 89, 91 and 94.

4. These are some of the preliminary comments of Cuba on the report of the Secretary-General on the restructuring of the Secretariat.

APPENDIX II

Letter dated 17 October 1994 from the representative of the United States of America to the Chairman of the Third Committee

Regarding the letter from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee contained in document A/C.3/49/3, I would like to inform the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, through you, that the United States of America believes that the actions already taken by the Secretary-General regarding the Electoral Assistance Division were within his prerogative as Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization, under Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations.

(Signed) Victor MARRERO